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## Studies on the effect of media on sucker production of banana cv. POOVAN

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**ABSTRACT :** *In vivo* macropropagation is an alternative simple and cheap technique for banana multiplication. The experiment was conducted in Completely Randomized Design with 13 treatments in three replications. The treatments consisted of three growing media (FYM, Rice hull, Sawdust), two biofertilizers (*Azospirillum* and VAM) with sand alone as control. Observations on the production of primary, secondary and tertiary buds was recorded. The results of the study revealed that use of FYM + VAM (T<sub>7</sub>) as growing media resulted in increasing the primary, secondary and tertiary bud regeneration. The time taken for emergence of primary, secondary and tertiary buds was also earlier in the treatment T<sub>7</sub> (FYM + VAM).

KEY WORDS: Growing media, Suckers, Biofertilizers, Regeneration of buds

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